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THE UNCANNY

X-MEN

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DALLAS,
TEXAS.

EAGLE PLAZA.

STATE
YOUR NAMES,
PLEASE, FOR
VOICEPRINT
IDENTIFICATION.

RAYEN
DARKHOLME--
DEFENSE
ADVANCED
RESEARCH
PLANNING
AGENCY.

Dr. VALERIE
COOPER,
SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO
THE PRESIDENT'S
NATIONAL SECURITY
ADVISOR.

IDENTITIES
CONFIRMED.
ACCESS
APPROVED.

YOUR MAN,
FORGE,
CERTAINLY
LIKES HIS
PRIVACY.

JUST BEING
CAREFUL. HE'S
BOTH UNIQUE
AND ESSENTIAL.
WE CAN'T
AFFORD TO
LOSE HIM.

HE DESIGNED
THIS ENTIRE
BUILDING, YOU
KNOW, AND
OWNS THE TOP
TEN FLOORS.

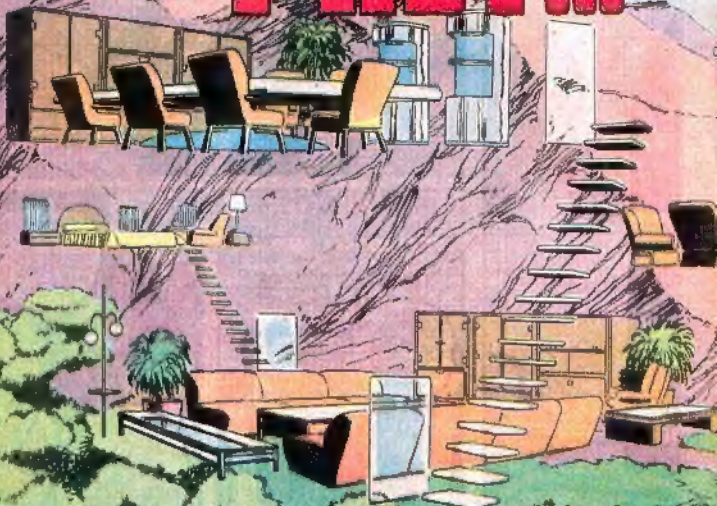
HE DIDN'T BELIEVE THE GOVERNMENT
COULD PROVIDE HIM WITH A SECURE
PLACE TO WORK AND LIVE, SO HE...

MADE
HIS OWN.

OH,
MY...?!

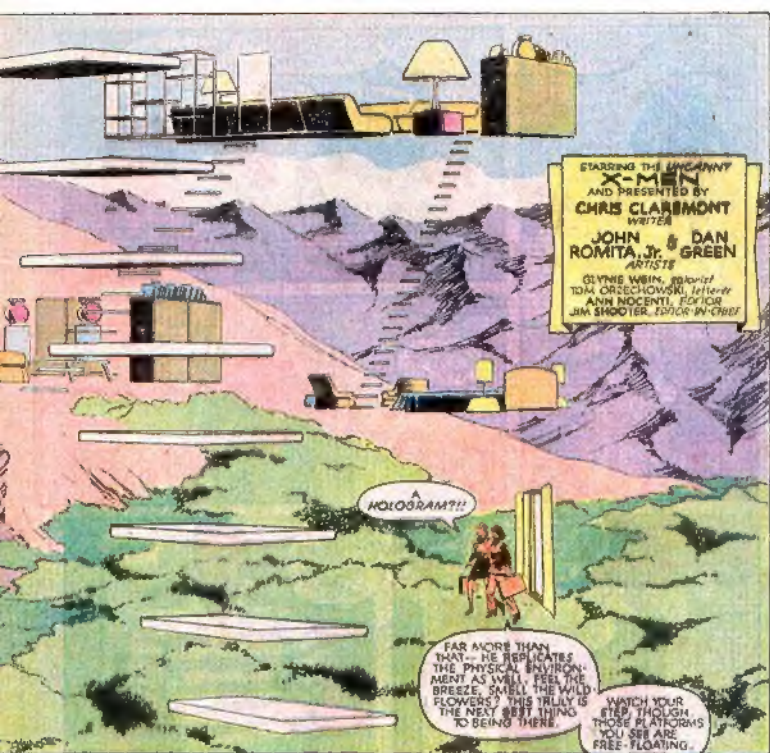
STAN LEE
PRESENTS...

THE PAST ...



OF FUTURE DAYS





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X-MEN
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I'M SORRY
ANOTHER
ILLUSION,
RIGHT?

I FEEL SO FOOLISH--
CRYING OUT LIKE THAT--
BUT IT TURNED SO
REAL!

BELIEVE ME, I
UNDERSTAND.
DURING MY FIRST
VISIT, FORGE
SCARED ME HALF
TO DEATH.



FORTUNATELY,
YOU GET USED
TO IT-- AND
HIM.

LISTEN,
I HEAR
SOMETHING!

YOU DON'T NEED MY
TELLING YOU, YOU CAN
SEE THE SIGNS FOR
YOURSELF!

THE ANCIENT PATTERNS
ARE BEING BROKEN, THE
PROPER ORDER OF THINGS
OVERTURNED! THE
FABRIC OF LIFE ITSELF
IS UNRAVELLING!

SO?

YOU ALONE
POSSESS THE
POWER TO PUT
MATTERS RIGHT.
IT IS YOUR
RESPONSIBILITY,
YOUR SACRED
DUTY!

ONCE,
PERHAPS
BUT NO
LONGER.

FIND OTHERS
TO TAKE MY
PLACE, NAZE.

WE TRIED!
THEY DID
THEIR BEST!

NOTHING REMAINS OF
THEM SAVE THEIR
BLEACHED BONES!

YOU CANNOT
HIDE FROM
YOUR DESTINY!

I DON'T
SIMPLY
DENY IT.

FOOL! YOUR
COWARDICE
WILL DOOM
ALL YOU
HOLD DEAR!

BUT SUPPOSE, MY
OLD FRIEND, A MAN
HOLDS NOTHING
DEAR-- AND DOES
NOT CARE?

THE
HOLOGRAM--
IT'S GONE!

GOOD
AFTERNOON,
LADIES, AND
WELCOME
TO MY
HOUSE.

I'M
FORGE.

MY APOLOGIES FOR NAZE. HE HAS A GOOD HEART, BUT
HIS PASSIONS OCCASIONALLY GET THE BETTER OF HIM. I'VE
KNOWN HIM MY ENTIRE LIFE. SOMETIMES, HE FORGETS I'M
NO LONGER A CHILD-- OR HIS PUPIL.

YOU
LOOK
WELL,
RAY.

YOU, TOO, FORGE, WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?

TRIBAL BUSINESS-- A CHAPTER OF MY LIFE I CLOSED YEARS AGO. NOTHING REALLY TO CONCERN YOU OR THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT.

NOW, IF YOU'LL FOLLOW ME TO MY LAB...

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU AT LAST, FORGE. YOUR REPUTATION DOESN'T DO YOU JUSTICE.

I HAVE A KNACK FOR INVENTING. WHEN **TONY STARK** STOPPED DESIGNING WEAPONRY, THE GOVERNMENT TURNED TO ME.

I LOVE THAT HOLO-PROJECTION SYSTEM UPSTAIRS.

MERELY A LITTLE SOMETHING I WHIPPED UP TO PASS THE TIME. I ALREADY MADE ONE FOR RAVEN. WOULD YOU LIKE ONE FOR YOUR OWN PLACE?

THAT'D BE WONDERFUL!

AS GOOD AS DONE. NOW, ACCORDING TO RAY, THE U.S. IS IN ARMED CONFLICT WITH AN EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL RACE OF DIRE WRAITHS.

THEIR ANCHOR, THE SPACEKNIGHT RAY, USES AN ANALYZER TO LOCATE THESE BEINGS, AND A NEUTRALIZER, WHICH BANISHES 'EM TO AN OTHER-DIMENSIONAL LIMBO.

HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF BUILT-IN FAIL-SAFE MECHANISMS, WE ARE UNABLE TO EXAMINE-- MUCH LESS COPY-- RAY'S WEAPONS.

MY BRIEF WAS TO DUPLICATE THEM BOTH.

AND HAVE YOU?

IN PART.

THIS GUN SHOULD, THEORETICALLY, NEUTRALIZE THE POWER OF ANY SUPER-BEING-- MILITANT OR OTHERWISE.

IN ESSENCE, THEY'D BECOME NORMAL PEOPLE.

EXCELLENT! HAS IT BEEN TESTED?

NO.

I'M STILL NOT SURE WHETHER THE EFFECT IS TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT-- OR WHAT THE PHYSICAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL REPERCUSSIONS MIGHT BE. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THERE REALLY ISN'T THE SORT OF THING THAT CAN BE TESTED ON LIVE SUBJECTS.

THERE'S A LOT MORE WORK TO BE DONE. I'M AFRAID, BEFORE THE PROTOTYPE CAN BE RELEASED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SCANNER'S READY TO GO.



IT'LL TELL YOU WHO IS OR ISN'T BASELINE HUMAN, AND WHETHER THEY'RE MUTANT OR ALIEN. IT CAN EVEN DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN KREE, SHRULL AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY, WRAITHS.

DOES HE MEAN ME? WHO ELSE?!!

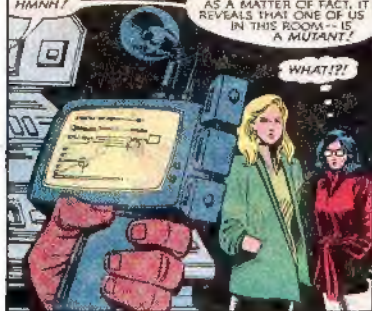
IF HE DENOUNCES ME, THAT'S SURE TO JEOPARDIZE MY TRUE IDENTITY--AS MYSTIQUE, LEADER OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS!



THAT MUST NOT HAPPEN. I'VE NO CHOICE--

--I'LL HAVE TO KILL HIM, AND YAL AS WELL!

HMMH!



AS A MATTER OF FACT, IT REVEALS THAT ONE OF US IN THIS ROOM--IS A MUTANT!

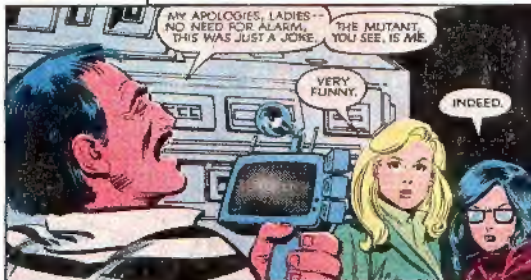
WHAT?!!

MY APOLOGIES, LADIES-- NO NEED FOR ALARM. THIS WAS JUST A JOKE.

THE MUTANT, YOU SEE, IS ME.

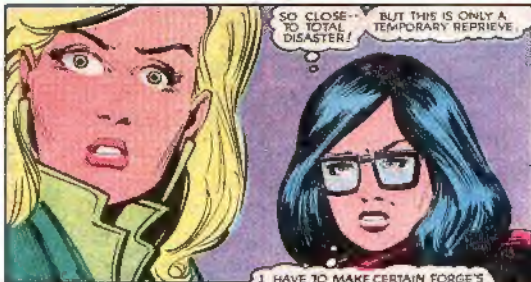
VERY FUNNY.

INDEED.



SO CLOSE-- TO TOTAL DISASTER!

BUT THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY REPRIEVE.



I HAVE TO MAKE CERTAIN FORGE'S SCANNER IS NEVER USED OR, FAILING THAT, TO DISGUISE MY REAL NATURE FROM IT.

AND FINALLY, MOST ASSUREDLY, TO REPAY OUR HOST IN FULL FOR HIS LITTLE "JEST."

WHATEVER'S HAPPENED TO RAVEN'S SENSE OF HUMOR? IF LOOKS COULD KILL, MY TROUBLES'D BE OVER. I REALLY SPOOKED HER-- I WONDER WHY? SHE GOT SOMETHING TO HIDE?

ANYONE INTERESTED IN LUNCH? IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF, I'M A SUPERB COOK--

--AND I GUARANTEE THE VIEW CANNOT BE BEAT!



NEW
YORK
CITY

*THE GIANT
DRAGON...

* APPEARED
LITERALLY OUT
OF NOWHERE
TO RAVAGE
TOKYO.

"FORTUNATELY,
THE UNCANNY
X-MEN--

...AIDED BY JAPAN'S OWN NATIVE
SUPER HERO, SUNFIRE, WERE ABLE
TO CONTAIN THE BEAST'S
RAMPAGE...

AND
ULTIMATELY,
DESTROY
IT. *

*SEE X-MEN #181-- ANN.

BORELLI ELECTRO

MANY QUESTIONS HAVE
BEEN RAISED CONCERN-
ING MUTANTS SUCH AS
THE X-MEN-- PEOPLE
WONDER IF THEY ARE A
THREAT TO THE UNITED
STATES, OR HUMANITY
ITSELF-- YET NONE
CAN DENY THAT...

WITHOUT
THEIR TIMELY
INTERVENTION,
JAPAN'S CAPITAL
MIGHT HAVE BEEN
DEVASTATED AND
COUNTLESS
THOUSANDS
KILLED.

I RECOGNIZE THE
MEN-- SUNFIRE,
WOLVERINE,
COLOSSUS AND
NIGHTCRAWLER--
BUT WHO'S THE
WOMAN?

SHE CAN'T BE
STORM--
ORORO
NEVER
LOOKED LIKE
THAT!

THE JUSTIFICATION OF
NATIONAL SECURITY HAS
BEEN USED TO EXPLAIN
THE INTRODUCTION IN
CONGRESS BY SENATOR
ROBERT KELLY OF THE
MUTANT AFFAIRS
CONTROL ACT, AMONG
WHOSE MORE DRACONIAN
PROVISIONS...

WHAT DID
HE SAY?!!
WHAT WAS
THE NAME
OF THAT
BILL?!!

OH, NO!
THE LIGHTS--
THE TV--
SOMEONE
TURNED
OFF THE
ELECTRICITY!

THE STREET'S DESERTED. AND MY PSISCAN REVEALS THE STORE'S EMPTY. TOO-- AN AUTOMATIC CIRCUIT MUST HAVE CUT THE POWER.

ALL I HAVE TO DO IS USE MY TELEKINETIC TALENT TO TEMPORARILY OVERRIDE THE CONTROL ELEMENTS...

AND SWITCH EVERYTHING BACK ON!
I HOPE I'M NOT...

LATE

I MISSED IT!
I MISSED IT!!

STUPID GIRL. WHY DIDN'T YOU ACT FASTER?!

THIS IS JOHN CHEEVER, BBC, REPORTING FOR "OVERNIGHT."

I'M SO CONFUSED. I CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT SOMETHING AWFUL HAS HAPPENED.

I WENT TO THE MANSION YESTERDAY, LOOKING FOR PROFESSOR KAVIER. COLOSSUS' LITTLE SISTER, ILLYANA, ANSWERED THE DOOR. SHE WAS A 15-YEAR OLD GIRL.

*SEE NEW MUTANTS #18, STILL ON SALE.

BUT THE ILLYANA I REMEMBER WAS FIFTEEN WHEN SHE DIED-- AND THAT DAY IS STILL YEARS IN THE FUTURE!

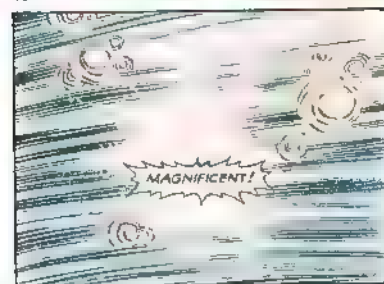
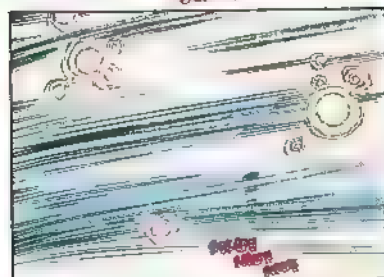
THE MUTANT CONTROL ACT WAS PASSED IN RESPONSE TO THE ASSASSINATION-- BY MUTANTS-- OF SENATOR ROBERT KELLY. YET HERE, NOW-- HE'S THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR IT!

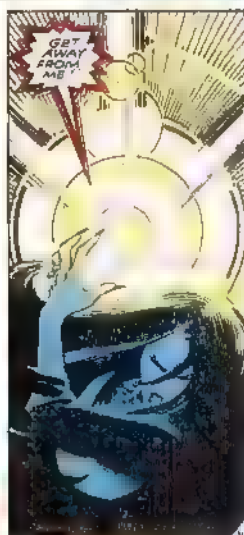
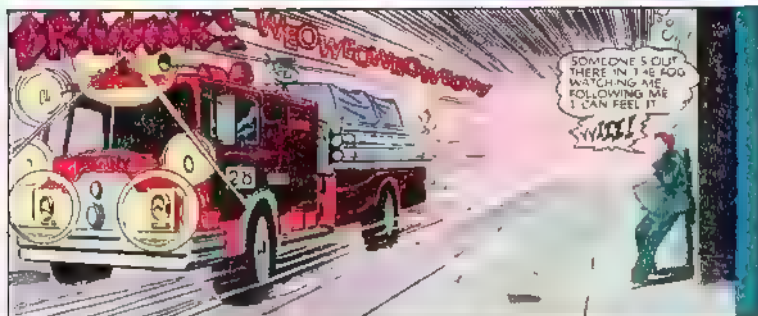
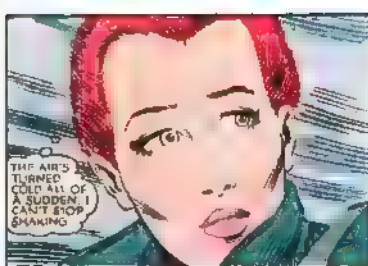
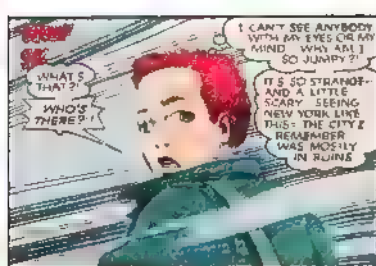
MY TIME-SHIFT WAS SUCCESSFUL. I'M IN THE PAST.

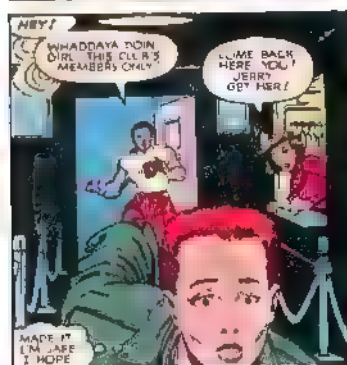
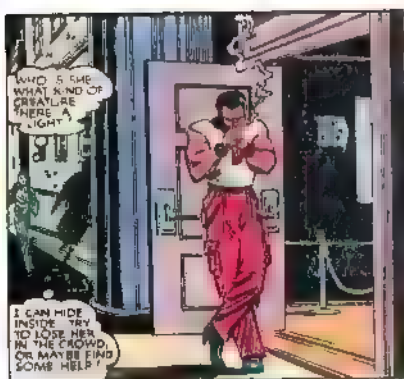
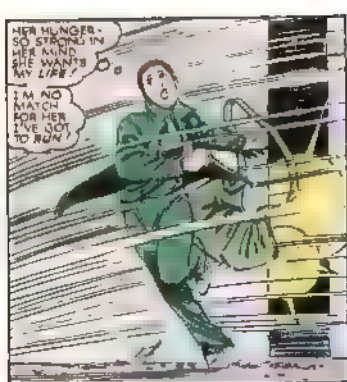
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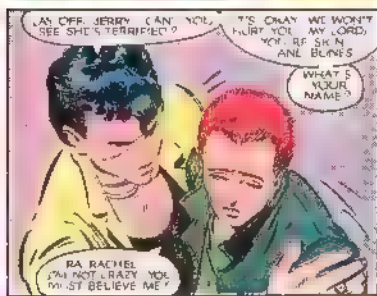
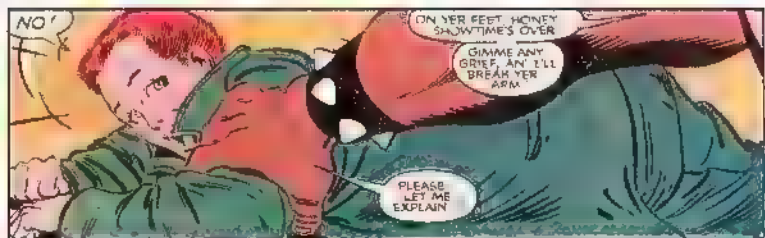
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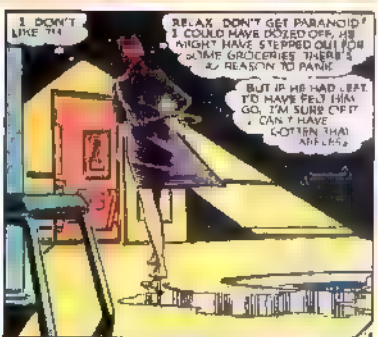
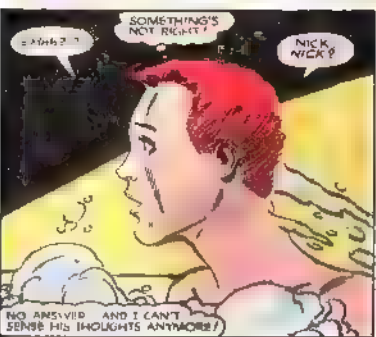
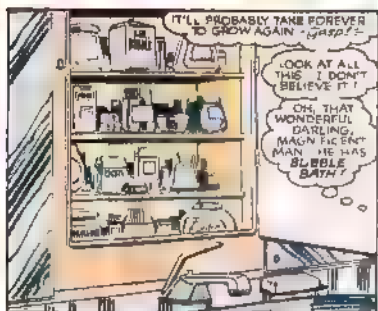
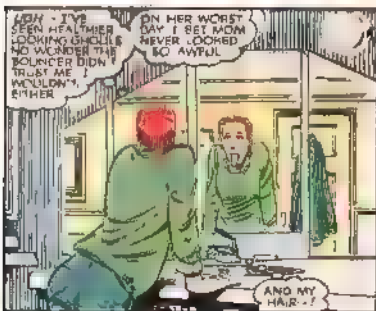
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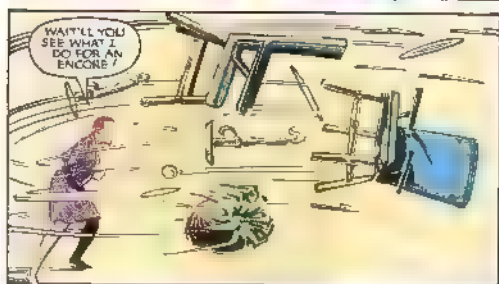
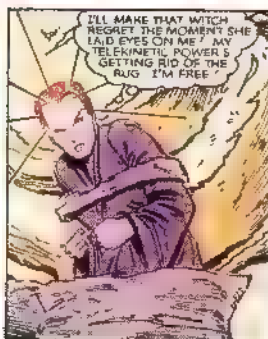


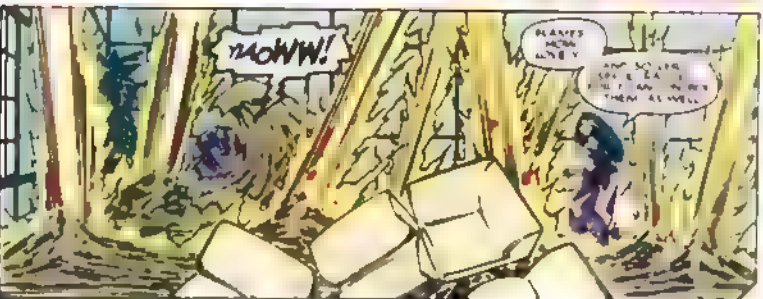
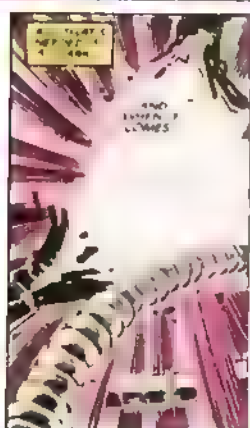
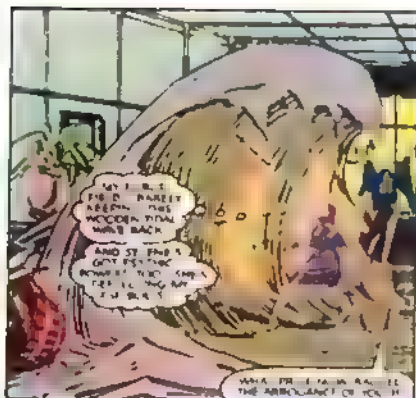












RESISTANCE IS
USELESS. YOUR
RAW POWER NO
MATCH FOR MY
EONS OF
EXPERIENCE.

EMBRACE MY DARKNESS.
RACHEL BE ONE WITH ME.
SAVOR IN FULL MEASURE
THE JOY OF THE
ETERNAL HUNT.

THE
ECSTASY
OF THE
KILL.

SHE'S PAST
MY SHIELDS
INSIDE MY
MIND.

TOO
DEEP
I CAN'T
DRIVE
HER OUT!

MY THOUGHTS
BECOMING
HERS!

I WON'T GIVE
UP. I CAN'T.
BUT WHAT AM I
TO DO. HOW CAN
I FIGHT HER.
IT'S SO HARD.

CHILD
CAN ONLY
HEAR
ME?

PROFESSOR
XAVIER???

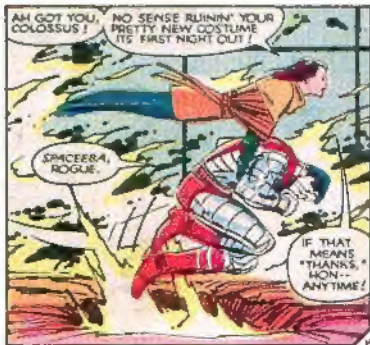
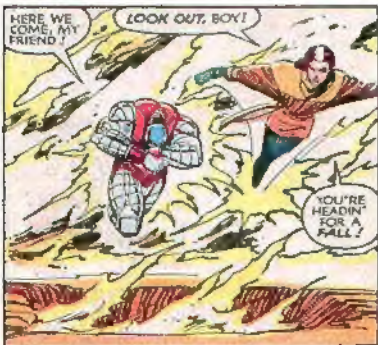
SELENE
SHE'S STEALING MY
LIFE. MY SOUL!
HURRY, PROFESSOR.
FOLLOW MY
THOUGHTS!

HELP
ME!!

AS CEREBRO
INDICATED TWO
MUTANTS BOTH
POSSESSING
CONSIDERABLE
POWER.

I AM CHARLES XAVIER.
STAND AWAY FROM THE GIRL.
SELENE AND I. EITHER BE
OR SUFFER THE
CONSEQUENCES.

BY HECATE
IS IT A
GHOST?!



FOOL-- YOU DARE CHALLENGE ONE WHO HAS RULED EMPIRES?!



AS THE SAYING GOES, IT'S A LIVING.

BY THE WAY, LEIBCHEN, DO YOU KNOW YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY?

MY COSTUME-- ZUM TUEFUL, IT'S CHOKING ME!

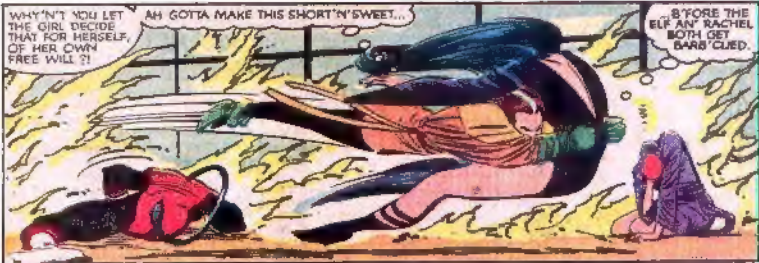


I AM DEADLY, TOO, CHANGELING.

RACHEL IS MINE! THOUGH YOUR NUMBERS ARE LEGION, YOU'LL NOT KEEP HER FROM ME!

WHY'N'T YOU LET THE GIRL DECIDE THAT FOR HERSELF, OF HER OWN FREE WILL?!

AH GOTTA MAKE THIS SHORT'N'SWEET...



B'FORE THE ELF AN' RACHEL BOTH GET BARB'CUED.

IMPOSSIBLE! WE'RE TOUCHIN' FLESH-TO-FLESH! AH SHOULD BE ABSORBIN' HER MEMORIES AN' POWERS--



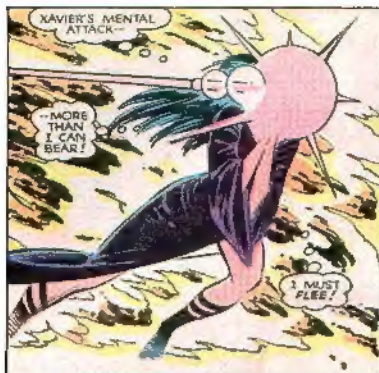
-- BUT, INSTEAD, THE REVERSE IS HAP'NIN'!

SHE'S DRAININ' MY LIFE!



STON





XAVIER'S MENTAL
ATTACK--

--MORE
THAN
I CAN
BEAR!

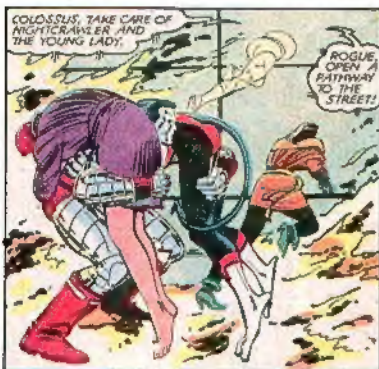
I MUST
FLEE!



PROFESSOR--
SHE'S LEAPING
INTO THE
HEART OF
THE FIRE!

SELENE'S LIKE A
CHAMELEON, BLENDING
HER PSYCHIC PERSONA WITH
THOSE OF THE PEOPLE AROUND
HER--I'M LOSING HER IN THE
BACKGROUND "STATIC"

DON'T TRY TO FOLLOW, X-MEN, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!



COLOSSUS, TAKE CARE OF
NIGHTCRAWLER AND
THE YOUNG LADY!

ROGUE OPEN
A PATHWAY TO
THE STREET!



GOOD AS
DONE, PROF!

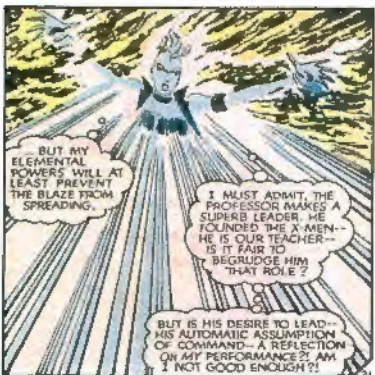
WHEN SELENE
ZAPPED ME--IS THAT
WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO
THOSE IN ATTACK? IT
WAS AWFUL. I NO
WONDER PEOPLE HATE ME!



I AM OUT,
PROFESSOR!

EXCELLENT, LAD. STORM, THE FIRE
IS OUT OF CONTROL--!

I SEE,
PROFESSOR. I
AM AFRAID I MAY
BE TOO LATE TO
SAVE THE
BUILDING...



BUT MY
ELEMENTAL
POWERS WILL AT
LEAST PREVENT
THE BLAZE FROM
SPREADING.

I MUST ADMIT, THE
PROFESSOR MAKES A
SUPERB LEADER. HE
FOUNDED THE X-MEN--
HE IS OUR TEACHER--
IS IT FAIR TO
BEGRIUDGE HIM
THAT ROLE?

BUT IS HIS DESIRE TO LEAD--
HIS AUTOMATIC ASSUMPTION
OF COMMAND--A REFLECTION
ON MY PERFORMANCE? I AM
I NOT GOOD ENOUGH?!

MOMENTS LATER

I SAW NO SIGN OF GELINE

SHE'S A MUTANT! WHEN WE FOUGHT, I SENSED THE PSYCHIC KEYS YOU TALKED ME, PROFESSOR, IN HER MIND! SHE'S SOME KIND OF VAMPIRE, SUSTAINING HERSELF WITH THE LIFE-ENERGY OF OTHERS!

WHEN DID YOU BACK UP ON ME? YOU'VE NEVER MET!



RIGHT! I KEEP FORGETTING THAT HASN'T HAPPENED YET. HECK, IN REALITY, NEITHER HAVE I!

WHAT?!!

SOMETHING ABOUT THE GIRL'S FACE--SHE'S STRANDELY FAMILIAR.

I FEEL SO ROCKY-- IF I DIDN'T HAVE YOU TO HOLD ONTO...

PROFESSOR XAVIER, YOU'RE NOT STANDING!

YOU CAN WALK IT!

AND YOU'RE -- STORM 219?

WHO ELSE?

BUT YOUR HAIR SHOULD BE LONG! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR COSTUME?!

I'VE SEEN PHOTOGRAPHS-- I'VE KNOWN YOU ALL MY LIFE-- YOU NEVER LOOKED LIKE THIS!

THEN, CHILD, YOUR PICTURES AND MEMORIES ARE WRONG

NO!

I... CAN'T DENY IT ANY LONGER! I'VE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE, SOMEHOW, I'M STUCK IN THE WRONG PAST, AND BECAUSE OF MY STUPIDITY--



THE WORLD IS DOOMED!

PROGUE: PUBLIC ENEMY!